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Re: January 1, 2018 to March 31, 2018 Report

Good day Denali Commission!

This 3rd quarter, the Tribe negotiated the FY2018 funding award, 1498-03 with Denali Commission, which will focus on relocating some homes away from the lagoon side beach where severe erosion is threatening the foundation of the homes. There are currently 2 homes that will be relocated to safer ground. The former coordinator did receive the house and land deeds for the homes and are stored in the files. The coordinator spoke with the Kivalina IRA Council at their regular business meeting about this and got their approval to move forward with the project. Pictures of the foundation of the home farthest south of the village were shared with the council. The Kivalina IRA Council holds their regular business meeting every 2nd Wednesday of each month, and postponed when necessary to the following week. The Kivalina IRA Council agenda includes the Denali Commission Coordinator to give monthly updates on progress of each scope of work.

The award also will continue to address severe erosion at the airport, which was the original focus of the erosion control scope of work. The airport wasn't threatened last fall season, therefore, measures weren't taken to protect it. However, the past coordinator did order material for the erosion control and stored them safely for future use. We will keep you updated on this project as we make plans to protect the airport.

It has been difficult to get a hold of Army Corp of Engineers, which caused a delay of the erosion project. It is equally difficult to get the City of Kivalina Council attention as they are on a skeleton staff. They have 1 employee who works Monday to Friday, 9am-12noon. The Kivalina City Council don't hold regular meetings as planned. So, that makes it difficult to give them updates and difficult to work with them on the erosion project. It is their equipment we must rent and use to complete the erosion project. No doubt though, this will be done this summer FY2018.

The Denali Commission Coordinator position was vacated by the former employee in April 2018. So, the position will be advertised shortly.

For this quarter, I have been given the task to send in this quarter's report.

Thank you. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Millie Hawley, TTP Coordinator